UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BEFORE THE FEDERAL LABOR RELATIONS AUTHORITY DALLAS REGION

Department of the Navy Naval Health Clinic Corpus Christi, Texas

Petitioner/ Activity

And

CASE NO. DA-RP-08-0013

National Federation of Federal Employees, Local 797

Labor Organization

DECISION AND ORDER ON PETITION FOR AMENDMENT OF RECOGNITION

I. Statement of the Case

This case is before the Region on a petition filed with the Regional Director April 30, 2008, by the Department of the Navy, Naval Health Clinic, Corpus Christi, Texas, (Activity) pursuant to section 7111(b)(2) of the Federal Service Labor-Management Relations Statute (Statute) and Section 2422.1(b) of the Rules and Regulations of the Federal Labor Relations Authority (Authority).

The Activity's petition seeks to amend the Recognition of Representation issued under Executive Order 10988 and HCFI 721on March 29, 1966, to accurately reflect the name of the Activity and include the current statutory exclusions. The Union concurs with the Activity's petition.

Pursuant to section 2422.30(a) of the Regulations, the Region investigated this matter. In accordance with Section 7105(e)(1) of the Statute, the Authority has delegated its powers in connection with the subject case to the undersigned Regional Director. Based on the entire record of this case, I find that the requested amendment to the recognition should be granted. My findings and conclusions follow.

II. Findings and Conclusions

On March 29, 1966, the National Federation of Federal Employees, Local 797 was granted exclusive recognition as the representative for a unit of employees employed by the Department of the Navy, United States Naval Hospital, Corpus Christi, Texas, under Executive Order 10988 and HCFI 721.

The unit recognized was described as follows:

INCLUDED: All civil service employees, including professional, of the U.S.

Naval Hospital, Corpus Christi, Texas

EXCLUDED: Management officials, supervisors, and employees engaged in

Federal personnel work in other than a purely clerical

capacity.

Funding for the United States Naval Hospital, Corpus Christi, Texas was reduced in 1999 and resulted in the discontinuation of all in-patient services. Since that time, the United States Naval Hospital, Corpus Christi, Texas, has provided only out-patient medical and dental care to Naval and Marine Corps personnel, active duty members of other Federal uniformed services, and eligible beneficiaries. All in-patient services have been referred to Veterans Affairs or other appropriate facilities. On March 29, 2007, OPNAV Notice 5450 issued, which directed the name change of the United States Naval Hospital, Corpus Christi, Texas, to the Naval Health Clinic, Corpus Christi, Texas.

The employees in the bargaining unit as described in paragraph 3 are now employed by the Department of the Navy, Naval Health Clinic, Corpus Christi, Texas.

The parties agree to, and request, that the recognition be amended to reflect the organizational changes and to update the unit description for the statutory exclusions, as follows:

INCLUDED: All employees of the Department of the Navy, Naval Health

Clinic, Corpus Christi, Texas.

EXCLUDED: Management officials, supervisors, and employees described in

5 U.S.C. 7112(b)(2), (3), (4), (6) and (7).

Under all the circumstances, I conclude that the requested amendment of recognition may be granted. *Naval Aviation Depot, Naval Air Station, Alameda, CA.*, 47 FLRA 242 (1993).

III. Order

Having reached this conclusion and noting that the parties have waived their right to hearing in this matter and their right to file an application for review of the Decision and Order pursuant to Section 2422.31 of the Authority's Rules and Regulations, pursuant to the authority vested in me,

IT IS ORDERED that an Amendment of Recognition will be issued pursuant to section 2422.32 of the Authority's Rules and Regulations certifying the National Federation of Federal Employees, Local 797, as the exclusive representative of the following unit of employees:

INCLUDED:

All employees of the Department of the Navy, Naval Health

Clinic, Corpus Christi, Texas.

EXCLUDED:

Management officials, supervisors, and employees described in

5 U.S.C. 7112(b)(2), (3), (4), (6) and (7).

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Dated: July 25, 2008

Certificate of Service DA-RP-08-0013

I certify that copies of the **Decision and Order on Petition for Amendment of Recognition** and the **Amendment of Recognition** in DA-RP-08-0013 have this day been sent by mail to the following parties:

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Dated this 25th day of July 2008